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Pimp Found Guilty of Human Trafficking of Minors

A jury today found a 43-year-old Los Angeles man guilty of trafficking girls as young as 13 for commercial sex, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Raylonzo Roberts, aka Major, was found guilty of 11 felony counts: two counts each of pandering by procuring a minor under age 16; human trafficking of a minor for commercial sex act; human trafficking of a minor for commercial sex act by force, fear, fraud or threat of injury; and lewd act on a child, as well as one count each of human trafficking to commit another crime, aggravated sexual assault of a child and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Sentencing is scheduled on Nov. 26 in Department 104 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. The defendant faces multiple life sentences.

Deputy District Attorney Guillermo Santiso of the Human Trafficking Section of the Sex Crimes Division said Roberts sexually assaulted or sexually trafficked eight girls at various times between August 2011 and July 2015.

According to evidence presented at the trial, he physically assaulted two of the young victims, one because she failed to make sufficient money and the other because she left him to work for another pimp.

Case BA439381 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department's South Bureau Human Trafficking Unit and the Long Beach Police Department.

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